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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

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Claim 1 (currently amended). A breakwater system for use in a body of water, said breakwater system comprising:

a curtain that substantially impedes water flow therethrough;

support structure adapted to be disposed under said body of water;

a first attachment sleeve attached to one end of said curtain, said first attachment sleeve being slidably mounted on a first part of said support structure, and

a second attachment sleeve attached to an opposite end of said curtain, said second attachment sleeve being slidably mounted on a second part of said support structure.

Claim 2 (previously presented). The breakwater system of claim 1 wherein said curtain has two opposing ends and said curtain includes a looped section formed in said curtain at each one of said opposing ends for attaching said curtain to said support structure.

Claim 3 (original). The breakwater system of claim 2 wherein said looped sections are threaded into said curtain.

Claim 4 (original). The breakwater system of claim 2 wherein said looped sections are formed by a hook-and-loop attachment.

Claim 5 (cancelled).

Claim 6 (previously presented). The breakwater system of claim 1 wherein each attachment sleeve comprises a pair of brackets, each bracket having a central indented section and first and second flanges formed on respective sides of said central indented section.

Claim 7 (currently amended). The breakwater system of claim 6 wherein said brackets of each attachment sleeve are arranged so that corresponding

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indented sections enclose the corresponding part of said support underwater structure and corresponding first flanges sandwich said curtain.

Claim 8 (original). The breakwater system of claim 1 wherein said curtain is fabricated from a material having energy absorbing qualities.

Claim 9 (original). The breakwater system of claim 1 further comprising at least one flotation device attached to said curtain.

Claim 10 (original). The breakwater system of claim 9 wherein said flotation device is attached along an upper edge of said curtain.

Claim 11 (currently amended). A breakwater system for use in a body of water having a floor, said breakwater system comprising:

first and second support members constructed of generally rigid elements adapted to be positioned on said floor of said body of water; and

a curtain attached between said first and second support members, said curtain being disposed at least partially within the vertical extent of said support members, wherein said first and second support members allow said curtain to freely rise ~~or fall~~ in response to a wave in said body of water and freely fall after a wave passes.

Claim 12 (original). The breakwater system of claim 11 wherein said first and second support members both include a bottom frame section and a top frame section pivotally connected to said bottom frame section.

Claim 13 (previously presented). The breakwater system of claim 12 wherein a portion of said curtain is attached to each bottom frame section and another portion is attached to each top frame section.

Claim 14 (original). The breakwater system of claim 11 wherein said first and second support members both include a bottom frame section and a top frame section mounted on said bottom frame section to slide longitudinally thereon.

Claim 15 (previously presented). The breakwater system claim 14 wherein said curtain is attached entirely to each top frame section.

Claim 16 (original). The breakwater system of claim 11 wherein said first and second support members both include a base plate and a frame assembly extending upwardly from said base plate.

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Claim 17 (original). The breakwater system of claim 16 wherein said first and second support members both further include one or more weights mounted on said base plate.

Claim 18 (original). The breakwater system of claim 17 wherein said one or more weights are mounted over said frame assembly.

Claim 19 (original). The breakwater system of claim 17 wherein said first and second support members both further include one or more additional weights mounted on said base plate.

Claim 20 (original). The breakwater system of claim 16 wherein said first and second support members both further include a supplemental base plate located remote from said first-mentioned base plate and a connector element extending between said supplemental base plate and said frame assembly.

Claim 21 (original). The breakwater system of claim 11 wherein said curtain is fabricated from a material having energy absorbing qualities.

Claim 22 (original). The breakwater system of claim 11 further comprising at least one flotation device attached to said curtain.

Claim 23 (original). The breakwater system of claim 22 wherein said flotation device is attached along an upper edge of said curtain.

Claim 24 (new). A breakwater system for use in a body of water, said breakwater system comprising:

a curtain;

at least one flotation device attached to said curtain;

support structure adapted to be disposed under said body of water;

a first attachment sleeve attached to one end of said curtain, said first attachment sleeve being slidably mounted on a first part of said support structure, and

a second attachment sleeve attached to an opposite end of said curtain, said second attachment sleeve being slidably mounted on a second part of said support structure.

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